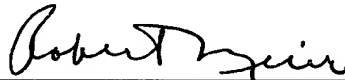


Remarks

The specification has been amended to clarify applicant's claim of foreign priority under 35 USC §119. The above application claimed priority of PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00428 filed on 15 February 2000, which claimed priority of German Application No. 199 06 021.5 filed on 16 February 1999. A certified copy of German Application 199 06 021.5 will be furnished as soon as it is available. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

If there are any questions concerning this amendment, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**

Following is a marked-up version of the specification with all changes shown by conventional comparison (underling and bracketing).

**In the Specification**

Following is a marked version of the first paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7:

This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00428 filed 15 February 2000 and which named the United States as a designated country. PCT Application PCT/DE00/00428 was published on 24 August 2000 as Publication No. WO 00/48800 and claims priority of German Application 199 06 021.5 filed on 16 February 1999.